

## TOP 20 PERENNIALS FOR SUN

### **Acanthus, Flame** - *Anisacanthus wrightii*

Upright shrubby perennial with shiny green leaves, blooms reddish orange tubular flowers in summer. Hummingbirds love this plant. Very delicate plant. Makes good contrast in flower beds. Very tough and drought tolerant. Blooms summer to fall. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 3'-4' **Soil:** Well drained.

### **Autumn Sage** – *Salvia greggii*

Red, pink, coral, purple, yellow and white flowers bloom all spring and fall. Needs good drainage. Evergreen even further south, semi-evergreen in our area and returns each spring. Blooms Spring to Fall. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 36" **Soil:** Well drained.

### **Blackeyed Susan, 'Goldsturm'** – *Rudbeckia fulgida 'Goldsturm'*

This selected, compact strain of a native Texas perennial is fast becoming a favorite. Blooms mid to late summer with masses of golden yellow black-eyed daises. Sun loving and drought resistant. Hardy. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 24"-36" **Soil:** Well-drained.

### **Coneflower, 'White Swan' or 'Magnus'** – *Echinacea angustifolia*

Very hardy summer bloomer with white or purple flowers. Great for cut flowers. Remove old flower heads to increase flowering. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 18"-24" **Soil:** Well drained.

### **Daylily, Stella d'Oro** – *Hemerocallis*

Beautiful miniature yellow, fragrant flowers all summer. A must have! **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 12"-20" **Soil:** Moist, well drained.

### **Gaura, Linheimer's** – *Gaura Lindheimeri*

Delicate white and pink flowers that look like butterflies. This perennial will bloom through summer and fall. Great for that English garden or wildflower meadow. **Light:** Sun **Height:** 3'-4' **Soil:** Well drained.

### **Lantana, Hardy** – *Lantana camara*

This is the old fashioned hardy Lantana found in many country gardens. Covered all summer and fall with orange, pink and yellow flowers. Butterflies love this one! **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 3'-6' **Soil:** Poor drainage.

### **Ruellia, 'Katie's Dwarf'** - *Ruellia brittoniana 'Katie's Dwarf'*

Durable perennial that blooms purple flowers all summer. Low growing, makes great edger plants. Re-seeds and can be divided after first frost. Tolerates wet, poor drained clay soil. Mulch in Winter. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 8" **Soil:** Moist, well drained.

### **Turk's Cap** – *Malvaviscus arboreus drummondii*

Bright green foliage great for lighting up shady areas. Blooms red hearts May to November. Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies. Will grow in any soil and any light. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 2'-4' **Soil:** Well drained.

### **Phlox, John Fanick** – *Phlox paniculate John Fanick*

Named for a San Antonio nurseryman. Hardy perennial with light pink flowers with darker pink throats. Blooms all summer. Compact growth habit, dark green foliage, tolerates heat, drought and powdery mildew. **Light:** Sun/Part Shade **Height:** 36" **Soil:** Moist, well drained.

### **Phlox, Thrift** – *Phlox subulata*

Hardest and most dependable of the creeping phlox varieties, this is the old fashioned light pink variety. Evergreen mat of spiny foliage. Great in rock gardens, fronts of borders and as a sunny ground cover. **Light:** Sun **Height:** 4" **Soil:** Well drained.